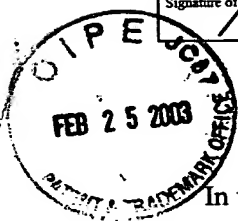


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In the application of

Roselle et al.

Serial No. 09/446,202

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For Microorganism Reduction Methods And Compositions For Food

AMENDMENT SUBMISSION WITH RCE; MPEP 1214.07

Box RCE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Concurrently with the filing of the RCE in the above-identified case, submitted herewith is an Amendment in support of patentability. Fees in conjunction with this filing are to be charged to Deposit Account 24-1680, as authorized by the form submitted herewith.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the first page of the specification to read:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This Application claims priority to Application Serial No. 60/050,839 filed 6/26/97 and Application Serial No. 60/075,069, filed 2/18/98 and is a Continuation-in-Part of U.S. Application Serial No. 833,552, filed 4/7/97 now U.S. Patent 5,849,678, granted 12/15/98.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims, as follows:

Cancel Claims 1-13, 16, and 18-21.

Please amend Claims 14 and 15 as follows.

14. (amended) A concentrated composition suitable for use in preparing a dilute treatment composition having a viscosity of less than about 10cp for treating food at a basic pH by